

# THIELE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From Sharon Willoughby

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Welcome back from the October holiday break to another busy term. To update you with our staff changes for this term, Shaun Coghlan is continuing leave this term and I am pleased to announce that Gem Kasse will be continuing in the Acting Deputy role as I continue to replace Shaun in the Acting Principal role. Alysha Milani is expecting her first child at the end of the year and may need to take some leave towards the end of this term.

Carly Nash will continue to support small groups of students in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy as well as students with self-regulation as they access the Interception Room and Bree Johnston will be working with some students from Coorong on the "Drum Beat" Program as well as students in T8 in the area of social skills using the "What's the Buzz" Program.

Thank you to all of you who completed the Parent Opinion Survey, New Report Format Survey and Volunteer Award for Outstanding Service nomination forms, we value your feedback.

Campus Events Committee has organised a Family Fundraiser Outdoor Movie Night on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The movie being shown is Paddington and there will be rides on the oval, yiros, BBQ, coffee machine, fairy floss, games and competitions. Please invite your friends and families to come along and join in with the fun.

There are limited spaces available for the "**Connect, Coach and Take Charge**" free parent sessions funded by the Department of Health facilitated by Carolyn Di Fiore and Suzanna Hodgson. The six sessions will focus on assisting parents/caregivers with children's 'big feelings', to assist children in feeling calmer, more confident and more co-operative. The sessions will be held in the Thiele staff room starting on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October until 28<sup>th</sup> November from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm**. If you would like to attend please register by calling **8357 1711**.

Transition sessions will begin next week for new Reception students on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. If you are aware of any students who are starting school in 2019 who have not yet enrolled at school or if you are not attending Thiele Primary School in 2019 please contact us as soon as possible.

The Year 6/7 students depart on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup> for the Canberra Camp. Penny Evans, Dale Bliss, Emma Bowen, Jayne Hardy, Steve Wheatland and Sharon Willoughby will be attending.

**Important Dates for this term:-**

- 2pm dismissal Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December
- PFD Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Regards  
Sharon Willoughby

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## **NAPLAN ONLINE TESTING**

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Dear Parent/Carer

In South Australia, we want to build the best education system in Australia – one that is truly world class.

To get there within 10 years we need to speed up the growth of every child, in every class, in every government school.

NAPLAN testing helps parents, carers and teachers to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards. It contributes to school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor their students' progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

Online NAPLAN testing was introduced in 2018 across Australia and most schools will offer online testing by 2020.

One hundred government schools in South Australia successfully offered NAPLAN tests online in May this year. Next year our school is expected to join others from across Australia in moving to online testing for NAPLAN.

Online testing uses a tailored test that asks questions that match a student's achievement level, providing teachers with better information on a student's performance.

Most schools in Australia are expected to be conducting NAPLAN online by 2020.

We are undertaking a significant amount of planning to ensure a smooth transition to NAPLAN Online next year and will participate in a number of readiness activities in term 4. A focus will be on keeping our school community updated during this time.

Students will participate in readiness activities in term 4. These activities will be an

opportunity for staff and students to become familiar with how online testing is run and the type of questions asked.

I would like to draw your attention to the attached privacy notice.

Student information has always been captured during the NAPLAN testing process. The move to NAPLAN Online means student details will be uploaded into the Online National Assessment Platform, managed by Education Services Australia (ESA) on behalf of the state and Australian governments.

The privacy notice gives more information on what data is captured, how it will be used and stored along with a link to ESA's privacy policy. You can also contact me directly if you have any questions.

More information on the NAPLAN Online program can be found on the National Assessment Program website at [www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/).

Thank you for your support in ensuring that the results from NAPLAN continue to make a positive difference to the education provided in our schools.

Kind regards.

Sharon Willoughby

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## NAPLAN Online -privacy collection notice

### Moving to NAPLAN Online in 2019

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN helps parents, carers and educators to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards.

From this year, students across Australia will gradually start to complete their NAPLAN tests online via a computer or another electronic device, such as a tablet, rather than using the traditional paper and pencil.

Moving online brings many benefits and opportunities including providing better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

More information on NAPLAN Online is available at [www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support).

### Readiness testing activities

A critical step in preparing for NAPLAN online is schools' participation in readiness testing activities. The purpose of readiness testing activities is to ensure your child is familiar with their device and the online test environment, as well as to test school and national infrastructure systems and processes.

Readiness testing is not another NAPLAN and will not formally assess students who participate in the test. Any reports generated will be used for testing purposes only.

Readiness testing activities may involve students who are participating in NAPLAN in 2018 or will participate in 2019.

### Collection of personal information

Schools are required by law to collect personal information about you and your child, irrespective of whether your child participates in NAPLAN testing.

In your child's enrolment form, you gave consent for your school to provide this personal information to government departments and their agents for educational purposes.

The purpose of this notice is to advise parents and carers of how your child's personal information will be used for NAPLAN Online in 2019, and as part of readiness activities scheduled at various times leading up to the test in May 2019.

### Disclosure of personal information

For every student participating in readiness activities and online testing, the following personal information will be uploaded by the Department for Education, as the Test Administration Authority, to the NAPLAN Online Assessment Platform ('Assessment Platform'):

- student name
- local school student identifier
- school name
- gender
- date of birth
- country of birth
- language background other than English
- residential address
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status
- parent's occupation, education and language background.

Students participating in NAPLAN Online may also have personal information collected regarding disability adjustments to enable them to access and participate in NAPLAN testing.

The personal information for students who are exempted, absent or withdrawn from NAPLAN online testing is collected and used for reporting purposes.

### Disclosure of personal information

The Assessment Platform is managed by Education Services Australia (ESA).

ESA is a not-for-profit company jointly owned by the Australian education ministers. ESA is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department of Education and is only permitted access to student personal information for the purposes of managing the Assessment Platform.

Security and privacy are key requirements for the delivery of national testing. The online system has been designed to comply with relevant national data security policies and guidelines, as well as data encryption standards.

ESA only has access to personal information from a relevant school, Test Administration Authority or the Australian schools list for the primary purpose of fulfilling ESA's role in supporting the operation of the Assessment Platform. For further information, the privacy policy for each agency may be found at their respective websites:

- ESA: [www.esa.edu.au/contact-us/privacy](http://www.esa.edu.au/contact-us/privacy).
- Department for Education: [www.decd.sa.gov.au/your-privacy](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/your-privacy).

## Access and correction

To request access or correction to personal information collected for NAPLAN and held by schools please contact your school principal in the first instance.

## Complaints

Complaints about a breach of privacy by a school should be directed in writing to the school principal. Speak with your school principal if you have any questions about this information.



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## Connect, Coach and Take Charge

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**How to connect, coach and take charge... when kids get frustrated, non-co-operative and distressed.**

**Dates:** 6 Wednesday evenings from 24 October to 28 November 2018

**Times:** 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

**Place:** Thiele Primary School  
Campus Drive  
Aberfoyle Park  
SA 5159

**Cost:** Free

**Facilitators:** Carolyn DiFiore and Suzanna Hodgson

(Places limited and full 6 week commitment required. Bookings only confirmed on return of paperwork).

**Bookings essential Phone: 8357 1711**

For information about our counselling services go to: [www.developingminds.net.au](http://www.developingminds.net.au)

For information about our online supports go to: [www.calmkidcentral.com](http://www.calmkidcentral.com)

Please visit the Thiele Skoolbag App for more information.

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## Campus - Outdoor Movie Night

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**CAMPUS**  
Nativity•Pilgrim•Thiele



**Save the Date!**

**Outdoor MOVIE NIGHT**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

More details to come soon 😊

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## Important Dates to remember

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- Friday September 28 - End of Term 3 - Early Dismissal 2.00 pm
- Year 6/7 Canberra Camp - Sunday 28 Oct - Friday 2nd Nov
- Thursday December 13 - End of Term 4 - Early Dismissal 2.00 pm

- Friday December 14 - Pupil Free Day
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## School Surveys

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Parent Opinion Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZSRR7FD>

Student Report Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/59NNHLB>

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## Volunteering Award for Outstanding Service Nomination

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Nomination forms have been emailed out to all parents via MailChimp and Skoolbag, if you require a hard copy please collect one from the Thiele Front Office.

**Nominations close on Friday October 26, the Award presentation will be on Friday November 23 at at the assembly.**

SurveyMonkey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/57ZT2C2>

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## Thiele Assembly Schedule

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### Term 4

Week 2 - T14 / Ms Bowen's class

Week 4 - T2 / Mrs Allen / Mrs Fletcher class

Week 6 - Student Representative Council (SRC)

Week 8 - Year 7 Graduates

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## Thiele Student Free Days

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This year we have scheduled student free days for

- Term 4 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December
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## Campus Uniform Shop

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The Uniform Shop is open on Campus, the hours are:

- Mondays 2.30 pm -3.30 pm
  - Wednesdays 8.30 am - 9.30 am
  - Fridays 8.30 am - 9.30 am.
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## Thiele Second-hand Uniform Shop

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The Secondhand Uniform Shop is open on Thursday mornings from 9.00 am - 9.45 am in the Art Room (Heysen Building).

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## Term 4 Diary Dates, 2018

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### Week 2

#### Friday October 26

12.00 pm Assembly - T14 / Ms Bowen's class presenting

### Week 3

#### Saturday October 27

Campus Family Movie Night

#### Sunday October 28

Year 6/7's Depart for Canberra

#### Friday November 2

Year 6/7's Arrive back from Canberra

### Week 4

#### Friday November 9

12.00 pm Assembly - T2 / Mrs Allen's class presenting

### Week 6

#### Friday November 23

12.00 pm Assembly - SRC presenting

### Week 8

Donations of non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army

12.00 pm Assembly - Year 7 Graduates presenting

### Week 9

#### Thursday December 13

End of term 4 - Early Dismissal 2.00 pm

#### Friday December 14

Pupil Free Day

	<b>Term Dates 2018</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Jan 29 - April 13</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>April 30 - July 6</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>July 23 - Sept 28</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Oct 15 - Dec 14</b>

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## Term 1 Diary Dates, 2019

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### PUPIL FREE DAYS

Friday March 8

Friday April 12

### Week 4

#### Monday February 18 - Friday February 22

R - 5 Swimming

### Week 7

#### Tuesday March 12 - Friday March 15

Year 6/7 Aquatics

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## Term 2 Diary Dates, 2019

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## NAPLAN

Monday May 14 - Friday May 24

Year 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN

	<b>Term Dates 2019</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Jan 29 - April 12</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>April 29 - July 5</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>July 22 - Sept 27</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Oct 12 - Dec 11</b>



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